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A BIG LOT OF SMUGGLED OPIUM DEMOCRATS ARE IN GREAT DIFFICULTY

DESERTING DEMOCRACY

DEMOCRATIC HIGH HOPES OF A MONTH AGO GIVING WAY TO GLOOM—MERCANTILE INTERESTS CANNOT STAND THE IMMIGRATION PLANK—MCCARTHY LIKELY TO COME OUT OPENLY AGAINST CANDIDATE McCANDLESS.

Leading Democrats are in a quandary over their platform and its principal exponent, L. L. McCandless. A tremendous slump in the hopes of the party has occurred since the adoption of the platform and the withdrawal of Col. C. J. McCarthy as a candidate for senator. The business men who were supporters of the party have fallen away.

"Pop" Spitzer, the Hotel street merchant, long an earnest Democrat, stated the case today when he denied being a "McCandless Democrat." He said he was going to vote for good men, like Kuhio, Fern, Jarrett, and he proceeded to name a long list of Democrats. Like many other Democrats, he will vote the Democratic ticket generally, but will head his ballot with Kuhio. Of course nearly all of these voters will pass up the Democratic senatorial ticket, which is regarded as a joke as long as Kalakoula and Hanalei are on it.

"Stop immigration and who is there for me to sell goods to?" said Spitzer. "I am not for that kind of Democracy

and we don't need any boss in our party to force that kind of doctrine on us."

Col. McCarthy, who was expected to be the campaign manager, and is still said to be wanted for that position, is now expected to come out openly against McCandless. McCarthy is for the Democratic ticket, except McCandless. It is said that before the campaign proceeds much further he will definitely take a stand against the head of the ticket. This will prevent him taking the position, which most of the Democrats would still like to have him occupy, of manager of the local campaign.

A month ago the Democrats were full of enthusiasm and prophecies of their party's success, and they were rejoicing at the signs of Republican splits due to rivalries for nominations. Today they are split wide open.

Within the next few weeks, there will, it is stated, be some prominent withdrawals from Democratic affiliations. The immigration plank of the platform is too much for the merchant class in the party.

PERELSTROUS IS GOING BACK

A. Perelstros, the Russian labor agent, who arrived here on a recent steamer from the coast, will leave on the next boat for the Far East. Perelstros came here prepared to undertake to secure more Russians for Hawaii, but the board of immigration is not disposed to tackle the experiment again, and he leaves without having received any encouragement.

"There is room here for Russians as well as Japanese," said Perelstros this morning. "But the territory appears to prefer the Japanese. Well and good."

Asked how his Mexican enterprise had panned out, Perelstros said he had done splendidly there. There are many Russian laborers, he said, willing to migrate from Manchuria if they

can get work. As long as Hawaii does not want his services further, he will probably undertake to supply labor for other places.

COOPER HEARING GAMBLING CASE

The case of the Heritory vs. Hamakua and ten others on a charge of having assisted in maintaining and conducting lottery was before Judge Cooper again this morning. Assistant City and County Attorney Brown appeared to prosecute, and Lorrin Andrews to defend.

After evidence had been given, Andrews asked that five of the defendants be discharged, as it had not been proved that they were playing when the constables arrived. He then took the point that the men were not guilty of the charge brought against them, as they had not been assisting the man who conducted the game in the way described by the law.

His Honor remarked to Attorney Brown that he would like to hear him on the matter, as it seemed that the men were not assisting to conduct the game. Certainly the men were helping by playing, because if no one played, then the games could not proceed, but it seemed to him that the Act meant that men must assist such by acting as agents or in some such way.

Attorney Brown said that he considered that the men were assisting. City and County Attorney Cathcart entered the Court, and he took the same stand as Attorney Brown, but eventually he was given until the following morning to look up some cases on the point.

\$5000 Worth Of Smuggled Opium Found

The biggest opium seizure made here since annexation was made this morning by United States District Attorney Breckons. About \$5,000 worth of unstamped tin foil of the contraband stuff lies in the district attorney's office as a result of his raid. It was seized in the home of one Chung Chan Yee, near the corner of Kukui street and Aala lane.

The appearance of some of the tins and of the boxes in which they were contained, indicates that they had been in salt water. This leads naturally to the theory that they were thrown overboard at sea from some approaching steamer from the orient, a buoy being probably attached to the package, and that a launch was sent from Honolulu to haul the package up and bring it ashore.

However with the boxes containing the opium Breckons seized a very large, new leather suit case, which bears evidences of having contained a load heavy enough to tear its handle. It is thought possible that the stuff was brought ashore in this suit case.

If this theory should be adopted, there will be some strenuous investigating as to how such a big case full of opium got past the customs guards.

Breckons declined to state where he got a tip that there might be opium in Chung Chan Yee's place. This morning he issued a subpoena for Yee, as a witness in another case. With Loo Joe, interpreter, he had an interview with Yee, and told Yee he wanted to search his place. "It was with quite apparent reluctance that

Yee said we might go ahead," said Breckons.

Breckons and Loo Joe found the premises occupied by a woman who is supposed to be the wife of Yee. "She placed a chair for me to sit down in, conveniently in front of a door leading to a closet," said Breckons, "and I had to see what was in the closet."

The door was locked, but a skeleton key opened it, and the opium was then in plain sight. In one small cracker box were 2 tins, worth fifty dollars or more each. Another box had thirty or forty tins, while a third had two large unlabelled tin boxes. Puncturing one of them revealed opium inside. These tins are about half the size of kerosene oil tins. They have small tins inside them.

The tins in one of the boxes do not bear signs of having been in salt water, as do those in the box containing 62 tins. The latter have what looks like dried salt on them, and the printing on the labels is blurred.

Interpreter Loo Joe said that the tins' labels showed that they all came from China. There is no stamp on any of them, showing clearly that they were smuggled and not brought in duty paid before the present prohibitory law went into effect.

Since the law became operative the price of opium has gone up by leaps and bounds, and it is now so high that smuggling is as profitable as ever it was in the days of the Republic of Hawaii. The difference between the price here and the price in China is five or six hundred per cent, hence successful smuggling is a very profitable business.

BOYS TRY TO DRY GIANT POWDER OVER A FIRE AND IT EXPLODES WITH FATAL RESULT

(Wireless to The Star.)

WAILUKU, Maui, September 22.—One boy was killed and six others were injured by an explosion of giant powder which occurred yesterday while they were trying to dry the powder, preparatory to using it for fishing.

The seven boys set out from Hana to fish with giant powder, which is a violation of the law. They had four sticks of the powder. It became wet, and they broke up the sticks and put them in a tin, over a fire, to dry the powder out.

While they were waiting for the powder to dry, it suddenly exploded. One lad standing near the tin was instantly killed. The right arm of another of the party was blown off, and a third lost three toes.

The others are slightly injured.

NEW RICE MILL.

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FIRE ALARM CAUSES ACCIDENT

On his way to the fire in the brew-

ery this afternoon Fire Chief Thurston's automobile knocked down and injured, probably fatally, a Japanese named Y. Hada, collector for the Japanese Chronicle. The accident occurred at the corner of Beretania and Emma streets. The Japanese was on a bicycle.

The police wagon had gone to the fire when calls came in for aid for Hada, and Captain Baker went with a hack. The wounded man was placed in furniture wagon and hurried to the Queen's Hospital. He was unconscious and breathing with loud groans. The street where he had fallen showed a pool of blood. It is

said that his skull is fractured. At the time of the accident the fire department auto was hastening around the corner turning from Beretania towards the brewery. The Japanese was on a bicycle and apparently on his way to the fire. Fire Chief Thurston says that the Japanese ran his bicycle directly in front of the auto, despite the clanging of the bell.

The fire was in the bottling department of the brewery. It was extinguished by the employees of the brewery before the firemen arrived. The damage was very small. The cause of the fire is not known.

TAFT TACKLES POLITICAL PROBLEM IN HOME STATE

(Associated Press Cable to The Star.)

CINCINNATI, O., Sept. 22.—President Taft today conferred with the Republican leaders in state politics, on the subject of the coming campaign. The gubernatorial campaign in this, Taft's home state, has assumed special importance in view of the fact that Judson Harmon, the Democratic candidate for governor, is regarded as likely to be the Democratic nominee for President if he is elected governor this time. The insurgent issue has also been made vital by the declaration of Nicholas Longworth, of the first district, that he will not again support Cannon for speaker of the House.

SAN FRANCISCO, Sept. 22.—The steamer Tacoma was slightly damaged today in a collision off the Golden Gate with the steamer Isthmian. The latter sustained no damage.

TOPEKA, Kansas, Sept. 22.—An interstate railroad rate conference is being held here to consider methods of regulating railroad rates so as to protect the interests of the shippers and the public.

SHAH'S REGENT DEAD.

TEHERAN, Sept. 22.—Azadul Mulk, the Regent of Persia, is dead. The Shah of Persia is Ahmed Mirza, who was born in 1897, and acceded to the title in 1909.

LONDON, Sept. 22.—Lady Louise, wife of Anthony Rothschild, is dead.

ATLANTIC CITY, Sept. 22.—John E. Gillman of Boston has been made commander-in-chief of the Grand Army of the Republic.

ATLANTIC CITY, September 22.—The Grand Army of the Republic has decided to hold its next encampment at Rochester.

SACHS' NEW MILLINERY.

Beautiful effects in Turkish Turbans, Feathered Hats, Tailored and Dress Hats are being shown at the display of Fall and Winter Millinery at Sachs.

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NOTHING DOING

Governor Frear this morning when asked if there were any fresh developments with regard to the Mahuka site answered in the negative, and added that he did not expect anything more. He asked, "What could there be?" His question was beyond his inquirers.

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